

La Follette, Jr., Needs Spanking, Some Here Think

Much Better to Expel Father From Senate, Says Major Putnam

Opinion was pretty well divided in this city yesterday as to whether Robert M. La Follette, Jr., son of the copper-throated pacifist Senator from Wisconsin, should be summarily dealt with for his attack upon the Administration, and particularly the Creel Bureau of Public Information, on the ground that the latter is insidiously staging a pro-peace lecture junket—or whether he should be sent back to Madison and severely spanked with a No. 10 German-made military boot.

"A sinister perversion of the facts," such was the characterization of Oscar S. Straus, senior vice-president of the New York Peace Society and an officer in the League to Enforce Peace, when young La Follette's charge that the government is abetting the lecture series of the Church Peace Union and similar bodies was brought to his attention.

Who Is La Follette?
"On the face of it," Mr. Straus said, "this charge would seem to be designed to give the impression that, while professing one thing, the United States is covertly encouraging another—in other words, that we are divided in our support and of attitude toward the war, which is about as far from the facts as anything could be. But, after all, who is Robert La Follette, Jr.?"

A consistent attempt has been made in Germany, Mr. Straus declared, to put this interpretation upon every mention of after-the-war reconstruction that has come up in this country; and for this reason, he said, the League to Enforce Peace, and all reputable societies having the future security of the world at heart, have been at particular pains lately to re-emphasize the fact that any discussion of reconstruction is predicated upon the absolute defeat of German militarism.

But he branded as particularly malicious any suggestion, from whatever source it might arise, that would tend to distort the purpose or hamper the progress of intelligent consideration of the kind of world that will result from the present turmoil.

Urges Father's Expulsion
Major George Haven Putnam, head of the American Rights League, was not inclined to treat the La Follette "disclosure" even this seriously.

"It would be much better," said he, "if instead of wasting time over this irresponsible young man, the nation got busy and saw to it that his father was put out of the Senate, as he ought to be. Robert La Follette, Sr., is a menace; Robert La Follette, Jr., though, I am inclined to think is nothing more than a notoriety seeker."

"It seems rather a shame, though," continued Major Putnam, "if one bent on criticising some department down at Washington, to pick on Creel first. Why not begin, say, with Garfield—a man with no previous experience, known before April 2 to have been pro-German, who was suddenly selected to muddle up the national handling of the coal situation? If young Mr. La Follette was really desirous of starting trouble, he might much better have started there."

Charge Untrue, Says Mr. Taft
In a telegram to The Tribune from Atlanta last night former President Taft said:

"The statement of Robert La Follette, Jr., is wholly untrue. The purpose of the speakers' tour, jointly arranged by the league and the Church Union, is to teach the purpose of this war to be to secure permanent peace and to show that the purpose cannot be attained by defeating Germany and forming a league of nations to suppress war thereafter."

"That this is playing into the hands of the pacifists is false. Both President Lowell of Harvard and I attended the joint committee in which the speakers' tour was arranged. The fundamental condition and express basis of the arrangement is that all speakers shall make it clear, and the joint committee shall make it clear, that no satisfactory peace can be concluded until after the United States and her allies defeat Germany and win the war."

"Had this not been the express understanding the league would never have consented to the plan."

Two Brothers Accused Of Defrauding Poor

Schwartzes Swindled Illiterate in Jersey Land Sales, Is Charge

Samuel Schwartz, said to be a disbarred lawyer, worth \$200,000, and Harry Schwartz, secretary of the Merchants' Building Corporation, of 220 Broadway, were arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Hitchcock, charged with using the mails to defraud. They furnished bail of \$5,000 each.

Samuel Schwartz is president and treasurer of the firm, which is selling land at South Plainfield, N. J. According to E. Paul Yaselli, Assistant United States Attorney, the Schwartzes formerly were the heads of the Cameo Realty Corporation, which sells lots at Bound Brook, N. J.

Starting last October, Mr. Yaselli said, the two men began to transfer customers from the Cameo to the Merchants' Corporation, substituting the Plainfield lots for the Bound Brook properties, which were worth \$90,000.

Most of the investors were poor laborers, who paid on the instalment plan until they had gained possession of a plot of ground for \$300. Several hundred of these workmen and women put all their savings in the land scheme, which was painted for them in bright colors.

When the illiterate investors mailed in their instalment books, with payments, according to Mr. Yaselli, the Schwartzes would send back identical books, but made out for property in the new company they were organizing.

In this way, it is said, they were able to transfer most of the customers during two months, erasing the addresses of others so they could not be communicated with. When other members of the Merchants' Corporation grew suspicious the Schwartzes quit the concern last December. The complaint against them was made by Post-office Inspector Williamson.

Little Fighting in West

LONDON, Feb. 2.—From the meagreness of the official statements on West front fighting activity to-day, it is probably to be concluded that the weather conditions have brought the conflict almost to a standstill.

Field Marshal Haig reported that Liverpool troops brought back prisoners in a raid southeast of Arras, while the French took a few Germans northeast of Mortier Wood. The British repulsed a German attack northeast of Passchendaele, on the Ypres front.

The German statement said simply: "There is nothing new."

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Clergy to Boom War Savings Stamps; Campaign To Be Mapped Out To-morrow

When plans now being formulated have been perfected the admonition to buy a War Savings Stamp or certificate will be given out in one form or another from every pulpit in the country each Sunday. The first steps to organize the clergy of New York for this purpose have already been taken. It is expected that the plan will be completely mapped out at a meeting at Carnegie Hall to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. At least 1,200 clergymen, representing every religious denomination in the city, will be present.

Enlisting the support of the churches means, of course, that every parochial school, Sunday school, mission and other religious organization will become active workers to sell the War Savings Stamps. The local War Savings Committee, in its announcement yesterday, declared that it believed the aid of the churches to be one of the most important additions to the ranks of those working in the interest of war savings stamps.

To-morrow's meeting promises to be most enthusiastic. Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey will deliver his famous lecture and there will be a patriotic musical programme.

The meeting is under the auspices of the General Religious Committee of the National War Savings Committee. The Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, chaplain of the 13th Coast Defence and president of the New York Federation of Churches, will preside. Among the speakers will be Elihu Root, Frederic W. Allen, state director for greater

Newsdealers' Boycott Broken on Park Row

Papers Sold Freely for First Time in Week; Hylan Aids Strikers

Under an ample police guard the newsdealers' boycott was broken yesterday so far as Park Row was concerned, and for the first time in a week papers were sold freely in that crowded thoroughfare. In other parts of the city, however, the "newsboys" maintained their strangle hold, and at South Ferry made a victorious bonfire of 2,000 copies of "The Evening Journal."

They took much comfort likewise in a document which they exhibited last night after an executive meeting in Sheldon Hall, Washington Street, Brooklyn. This, they said, was a copy of a letter which a committee of their number had obtained from Mayor Hylan in the afternoon.

Besides divulging the fact that Morris Hillquit is now counsel for the organization, the "letter" instructed park commissioners to take no action toward removing newsstands from public property until the Corporation Counsel had advised the Commissioner of Licenses concerning his right to cancel the licenses of newsdealers who were not serving the public. It was further urged that in the event action were taken a "reasonable time" be allowed to Mr. Hillquit after the decision had been made.

The "strikers," as soon as they saw that the number of police on guard on Park Row prohibited any attempt at breaking up paper sales by violence, resorted to dodgers, which were thickly sown, in which the public was urged not to buy papers.

The "Hustlers' Union," composed of the men who deliver the newspapers for the mails, warned its members yesterday against selling any of the papers which they carried. The newsboys will give a dance in Tammany Hall on Thursday evening in aid of their war chest.

No Deferred Classification For Notaries, Lewis Rules

ALBANY, Feb. 2.—Notaries public and commissioners of deeds are not entitled to deferred classification in the selective draft, Attorney General Meriton E. Lewis held in an opinion made public to-day. Transfer tax appraisers and assistant district attorneys cannot claim exemption either.

Members of the state police and state officers and within the meaning of the selective draft regulations, and are entitled to classification in Class V, the opinion held.

Attorney General Lewis also gave the opinion that persons who have been convicted of a felony in New York State must be placed in Class V, and that this classification cannot be waived, and that a man would be deemed to have been convicted if he had been found guilty, whether he had been sentenced to state prison, penitentiary or reformatory, or merely fined, or given a suspended sentence.

Death of Baby Brings Aid to Struggling Family

It took the death of her two days' old baby to reveal to Mrs. George Hall the fact that there were kind-hearted people in the world, but now that the baby is gone, many good things have come to the family huddled in a rickety old wooden house at 415 Keap street, Williamsburg. George Hall, who has been out of work nearly all winter, has been given a job as longshoreman at \$3 a day.

A Board of Health nurse now comes daily to take care of Mrs. Hall, and a neighbor brings in food for the three children. Besides that, a "society lady," according to Mrs. Hall, drove up in a limousine, with all sorts of good things to eat. Yesterday The Tribune delivered to her \$5 which had been contributed by a reader.

Yankee Fighters to Talk

A two weeks' series of lectures by Americans who have seen action on various fronts will begin to-night at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre. Corporal R. Derby Holmes, author of "A Yankee in the Trenches," will be the first speaker, and his subject will be the same as the title of his book. To-morrow afternoon and evening

Mrs. O'Grady Begins Campaign to Aid Girls

Deputy Police Commissioner Ellen O'Grady and representatives from social welfare societies met yesterday noon in the Commissioner's office at Police Headquarters to discuss plans for the better protection of women and children in New York and for the improvement of their home conditions. Incidentally, Mrs. O'Grady made her maiden speech in her new office. It began, appropriately, "Free women of New York, I salute you!"

Representatives from the Young Women's Christian Association, Travelers' Aid Society, Association for the Improvement of the Poor, Red Cross Society, Russell Sage Foundation, Big Sisters' Association, attendance officers of the Board of Education, Probation Officers' Court, settlement workers and

members of various local rescue leagues waited on the Deputy Commissioner. With her was Police Lieutenant Grant Williams, for four years head of the missing persons bureau, who says the records show that 9,000 persons are reported missing every year, three-fourths of whom are boys and girls.

The women assured the Deputy Commissioner that their services would be gladly rendered whenever needed. Mrs. Grace Humiston also called and asked Mrs. O'Grady to command her at any time a necessity might arise.

The campaign for girl saving and home improvement will begin at once. The Y. W. C. A. will look after girls from out of town who run away to New York; the Travellers' Aid will watch the railroad terminals for girls in distress; the Big Sisters will do inclined to resent home authority; the probationary officers of the Women's Night Court will turn over young women for whom they consider there is still hope, to various religious societies, and the Russell Sage Foundation will give these girls an education.

Tribune Photo an Aid In Espionage Lectures

The Customs Intelligence Service, established to search steamships, has incorporated in its lecture course a chapter on Werner K. R. W. Sturzel, the self-confessed German spy, from Porto Rico, who was exposed by The Tribune on January 23.

The Collector is having his force of 260 men drilled daily in squads at the 68th Regiment Armory, the military training being followed by lectures on various phases of their work.

Prominent among those lectures is the one dealing with the search of mail for code messages, drawings and other forms of subterfuge used by the enemy to get information out of the country. Sturzel was a brilliant young German, who succeeded in putting upon the cover of the Porto Rican society paper "Puerto Rico Ilustrado" one of his drawings, which was replete with

images, figures and letters thought to be code messages for Berlin.

An enlarged copy of the drawing which was reproduced in The Tribune of January 23 is being used to show what steps the Germans are likely to take to get information to Wilhelmstrasse. By the aid of a powerful magnifying glass each man observes the Sturzel picture and is cautioned to seize any drawing or manuscript that might arouse his suspicion.

The story of Sturzel's activity as a spy, as it appeared in The Tribune, is read to the men at each course. It was explained to the men that the "Puerto Rico Ilustrado" had a large circulation in Spain. In this way Sturzel was probably able to get his information to Germany.

No Tax for Royal Domains

GENEVA, Feb. 2.—Seven Deputies in the Landtag of the Duchy of Baden, representing all parties, called upon the Grand Duke of Baden and demanded that owing to the serious financial situation the usual taxation

should be applied to the royal revenues and domains, according to the "Volkstimme," of St. Gall.

The reply was an unequivocal refusal. The matter will now be discussed in the Parliament of Baden.

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